I have been with sonic.net since the early 90s. I apreciate the wealth of services offered by the smaller ISPs. The large phone companies do not provide this level of service, but rather a fast food style combo meal. I lease servers from sonic, rely on their advanced power backup system and indeed have multiple connection types to sonic (redundant). This level of service is simply not available from SBC Internet.

We all started connecting to the internet over phone lines. ISPs made this possible in combination with phone companies. Now we connect through DSL, Wireless Broadband, T-1, ISDN and even POTS once in a while, but it's still the same relationship. Phone companies provide the connection. The phone companies cookie cutter ISPs like SBCInternet may be good for the faceless millions, but the US is about choices and I choose better service and more options. Breaking up these choices and options would be devastating to my bussinesses, my lifestyle and me.